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Socceroos v Malmo Friday

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SWEDISH champion Malmo won the four-team Chinese New Year soccer tournament when it drew 0-0 with Odense of Denmark in the round-robin match. China, which needed to beat Hong Kong by three clear goals to share the trophy, failed to do so and was also held to a goalless draw.

For more on Malmo turn to page 11.

Another dismal round for our clubs

Melbourne-based NSL Clubs as four were beaten, one drew and only Preston managed a win.

Heidelberg was thumped 3-0 at APIA, prompting an outburst from club President Lew Yoannidis who said that some players would find themselves on the transfer list by this weekend.

South Melbourne looked jaded after its Buffalo Cup win on Wednesday and went down to a slick Marconi, Sunshine George Cross was woeful against Adelaide City, providing the visitors with their first win of the season, and Melbourne JUST succumbed to late goals at Blacktown.

But the flag was kept flying by Preston Makedonia, whose coach was booed for replacing wonder-kid Markovski as his team narrowly downed Wollongong.

League leader Melbourne Croatia also did well to overcome a two-goal deficit to grab a point at St George. You'll find all these stories in our comprehensive NSL coverage, starting on PAGE 4.

● Oscar Crino.

CRINO SHOCK

SOCCEROO coach Frank Arok, already deprived of the services of Paul Wade and Garry McDowall who are injured, and his stalwart captain Charlie Yankos who is now playing in Greece, was dismayed to learn this week that Oscar Crino is suffering from a mystery virus that could rule him out of the Malmo matches and even the World Cup qualifiers next month.

Crino, who is consulting a specialist in an effort to pinpoint his problem said on Monday that playing had become "a bit of a drag lately" and he feels that to continue playing wouldn't be fair to either his club (Melbourne JUST) or to the Socceroos.

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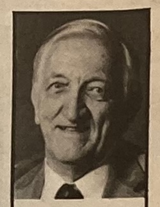

By LES SHORROCK

Last week's Buffalo Cup-final provided us with a mixture of good and bad news, with the good outweighing the bad, thankfully.

To start with, the newly-laid pitch was put to a very severe test by that freak storm the night before that dumped 45mm of rain on it in a mere half-hour.

Last year, that would have been enough to have the games cancelled, but within 24 hours the pitch had recovered and after two games showed no signs of undue wear and tear.

To add to the cheerful side of things, work has started on the floodlights, and I'm told they too will be back to their best by tomorrow night for the Malmo game, and will stay that way.

So what bad news could there be?

The actual Cup presentation is the bad news.

Once again, the lunatic fringe amongst the winning team's fans invaded the pitch and had to be hurled back from the presentation area by sheer force. There are also two holes in the otherwise immaculate pitch caused by smoke flares.

The smoke flare-throwing during the game is bad enough, but some lunatic even lobbed one into the crowd during the presentation.

To describe the presentation as a shambles would be an understatement.

Where else in the world would the losing team have to stand at the rear of a mob of pitch-invaders, trying to fight their way through to get a loser's medal?

Where were you, Brian Clough?

Does someone have to get seriously hurt before the VSF and the Olympic Park Management get their act together?

When the idea of building a new Tennis Centre was first mooted we all wrote then about the nightmare of trying to get into Olympic Park on the wrong occasions and it all came true last Wednesday night.

Thanks to Torvill and Dean on the one hand and the night footy on the other, the Final had to be put back for fifteen minutes to give the crowd chance to straggle in.

As it was, many of them missed the first fifteen minutes, which, if they were Melbourne JUST fans was a shame, because that was the only time when their team looked like making a game of it.

Melbourne JUST offered spirited resistance in the first half, but the forced substitution of Gary van Egmond and Drago Deankovic at half-time took away much of JUST's competitive edge and the second half became a mere stroll in the park for South Melbourne.

I'll bet Rade Barjaktarevic won't forget the game in a hurry either.

He started the game on the bench, came on as a substitute at half-time, committed two fouls, earning first a yellow and then a red card and was off again after a mere thirteen minutes!

Still, he got a loser's medal.

South's young Damien Mori showed all that dash that we have come to expect, but is he getting over-ambitious?

There were times when I thought he coul dhave passed the ball to good effect rather than trying to score a hat-trick.

Some of his long-range attempts to score were ill-advised, to put it mildly, even Bobby Charlton in his prime would have thought twice, but then that's the exuberance of youth, I suppose.

I hope that young Mori isn't getting big-headed because he's seen his name in the newspapers a few times.

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PROFESSOR HIGGINS FAILS US

I reported indignantly last week that newly-appointed ABC sports-person (I think that's the right term) Arthur Higgins, had told me he didn't mention the Buffalo Cup semi-finals because he didn't know they were being played.

And I also wrote that he promised he would watch the Final and even get a camera team there.

The VSF, for its part, made sure that Higgins and his crew would be made welcome, so last Thursday night I settled down happily in front of the box at 7 o'clock and endured the ineffable Mary Delahunty, certain that at last I was going to see some local soccer on the taxpayers' channel.

And what did we get... absolutely nothing, that's what.

Thanks for nothing Higgins.

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THE ABC'S WIN BAD NEWS

Which brings me to the real bad news of the week... SBS lost the battle to televise local soccer to the ABC, the least soccer-orientated channel of them all.

I know I've criticised SBS from time to time, but fellows, hand on heart, I take it all back.

You never know the worth of what you've got until it's gone, I suppose and now the ASF in its wisdom has abandoned the professionals and taken on the amateurs.

Because in terms of soccer, the ABC, that's the channel that you and I pay for, is the rankest of amateurs when it comes to covering soccer.

How could the ASF do it?

Do they sign their contracts in that invisible ink that fades away when it dries?

Doesn't keeping your word mean anything any more?

The irony of the situation is that whilst the ABC is providing us with a weekly coverage of the English First Division that every sports fan (soccer follower or not) praises without reservation for its super quality and its sheer professionalism.

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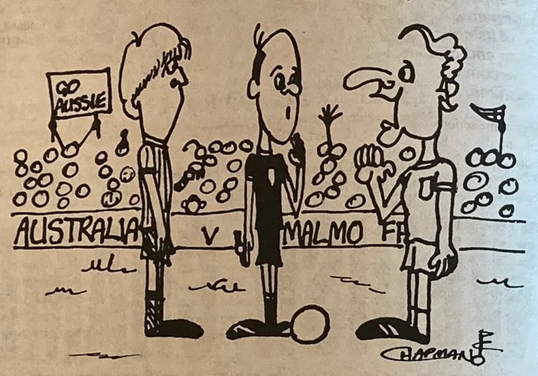

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INDOOR SOCCER IS OK: BUT WHICH ONE?

THE former Executive Director of the National Soccer League, Mr Stefan Kamasz, has been extolling the virtues of indoor soccer in recent newspaper articles in Sydney.

There can be no doubt about the spectator appeal of the indoor game, because of its non-stop action and of course the comfort of the customer.

However, some serious homework needs to be done to determine which type of indoor soccer should be played.

In 1988 I coached the Victorian team in the Brisbane Super Six tournament where Victoria pitted its skills against such illustrious opponents as Nottingham Forest (eventual winners), Arsenal, Manchester City, NSW, and Queensland.

Later in 1988 the top nations in world soccer competed in the FIFUSA World Cup hosted by Australia.

Most recently I coached the Australian teams in the first ever World Indoor Cup organised by FIFA.

This competition took place in Holland and the great countries in world soccer took part. The competition was won by Brazil who defeated the host nation Holland in the final.

It should be noted that the above competitions, whilst played indoors, had some significant differences in how the games were played.

The Brisbane Super Six competition was played using rebound walls, and there is no doubt in my mind that this is the type of indoor game with the most spectator appeal.

Its non-stop action and physical challenge is more in line with the demands of the outdoor game than that of the games played in Holland.

The pitch at the recent World Cup was 40m long by 20m wide but did not have rebound walls.

When the ball went over the line it was played in with the feet and also when it passed over the byline it was thrown in by the goalkeeper.

BY TIM WHITE
VSF DIRECTOR OF COACHING

This game was also five-a-side and the permutations used by the various countries were numerous.

For example some countries used the goalkeeper as a vital part of the build up for attack.

In the FIFA World Cup a size 4 football was used as opposed to the very small "Nud Ball" used in the FIFUSA World Cup.

In the Super Six tournament, which is a copy of the Guinness indoor competitions played in England each year, a size 5 football is used.

Apart from the lack of preparation and unfamiliarity with the game, one of the problems for the Australian team which played in Holland, was the insistance by FIFA on non-physical contact.

It is very hard for players to suddenly change lifetime habits and become non-contact players overnight.

Many infringements were committed away from the ball, as players jostled to get free of tight marking opponents.

Whilst I applaud the endeavour to emphasise the skill factor in the game, it nevertheless becomes frustrating for the spectator, who is most likely watching the action near the ball, to have the game stopped for something which he does not see.

Constant stoppages do nothing to enhance the spectator appeal of the game as physical contact is accepted as the norm in football.

There is no doubting the overall appeal of indoor soccer, but let's do our homework before we embark on a project which will only appeal in the short term.

There are many questions to be answered not the least of which is the expectation that our best outdoor players can simply transfer from the outdoor game to the indoor game overnight.

It is possible, but then it may depend on the type of indoor soccer to be played.

Stefan Kamasz is correct in extolling the virtues of indoor soccer, but let us make sure that we understand what is involved — a common denominator is essential.

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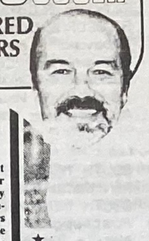
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Soccer 88
Another first is Vic Soccer '88 published by Ellvee Sporting Publications. It covers the Victorian scene with statistics, the best collection of soccer action pictures I have seen in a single publication. Thoroughly recommended at $5.95.
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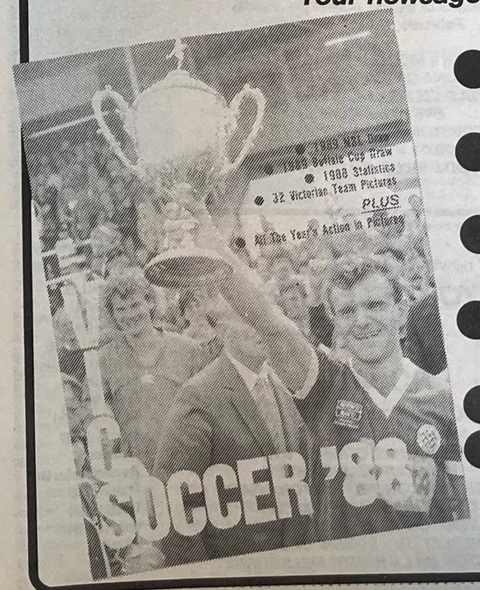

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Round Five Details

ST.GEORGE 2 (Ollerenshaw,pen.10th,Bingley 14th)
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2(Kelic 16th,24th).
At St.George Stadium,Saturday.Crowd 2610.
Referee R.Lorenc.Caution Davidson(MC).
ST.GEORGE:*Gibson - Lampropoulos,O'Shea,Moffitt, Grbevski - Koczka,Pottier,Ilic,Tortevski - Bingley, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.*
MELBOURNE CROATIA:*Olver- Opasinis,Davidson,Cannell, Donnelly - Valentic, Caleta,Biskic(Duzel 70th), Milosevic - Kelic,Awaritefe.Coach Ivan Raznejvic.*

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 MARCONI 1 (Gray 74th).
At Middle Park,Sunday.Crowd 4000.Referee Don Campbell
SOUTH MELBOURNE:*McLaren - Healy,Fernandes,Blair, Postecoglou - Russell,Foster(Michell 70th),Petersen, Mori - Trimboli,Wright.Coach Brian Garvey.*
MARCONI:*Catlin-Carter,Wheatley,Calderan,De Marigny, - Gomez,McCulloch,Katholos,Lowe(Colagiuri 70th) - De Jong(Gray 72nd),Nastevski.Coach Berti Mariani.*

SYDNEY CROATIA 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
At Croatian Sports Centre,Sunday.Crowd 8009.Referee. C.Bambridge.Cautions Edwards,Hooker(SO),Arnold(SC).
SYDNEY CROATIA:*Franken - Savor.Hunter,Rozic,Jennings - Clinch(Petkovic 70th),Jones,Foster,Arnold -Slater, Ingham.Coach Vedran Rozic.*
SYDNEY OLYMPIC:*Meier - Hooker,Dakos,Ironside,Koch - Pontidas,Raskopoulos,McGarry,Polak - Edwards,Soper. Coach Eddie Thomson.*

BLACKTOWN CITY 3(McKinna 14th,G.Sterrey 72nd, Odzakov 88th).MELBOURNE JUST 1(Lazopoulos 50th).
At Gabbie Stadium,Sunday.Crowd 1150.
Referee R.Davies.Caution Bennett(B).
BLACKTOWN:*Watson - G.Sterrey,Bennett,Northam, Reynolds -Davyljak(Naumov 28th),Odzakov,L.Sterrey, Meier - van Blerk(Welch 80th),McKinna. Coach Les Scheinflug.*
MELBOURNE JUST:*Nikitovic - Fabrizio,Durakovic,van Egmond,Mitrovski - Murphy,Tapai, Crino,Tortevski (Lazopoulos 48th) - Dimoski,Palatsides. Coach Ilija Dimoski.*

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2(Mullen 41st,Vial 81st).
At Chaplin Reserve,Saturday.Crowd 1500.Referee J.Santa Isabel.Cautions Vial,Mullen(AC).
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS:*Keogh - Ketsakides,Parton, Kotzamichalis,Marth - Waddell,Carter,Faulkner, (Lennon 68th),McLaren - Lewis,Latif.Coach John Gardiner.*
ADELAIDE CITY:*Zabica - Naven,Nyskohus,Flounders, Naven- Melta,Northcote,Vial,Vidmar- Mullen,Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.*

APIA LEICHHARDT 3(Kosmina 27th,37th, Brown 30th). HEIDELBERG 0).
At Lambert Park,Saturday.Crowd 1500.
Referee J.Reeves.
APIA LEICHHARDT:*Pezzano - Webber,O'Conner,Brown.M, Stewart - Mason,Ellam,Hagan,Ricoy - Brown,Kosmina. Coach Michael Urukalo.*
HEIDELBERG:*Banovic - Ousalkas,Lucchesi,Douglas, Bordignon -Stewart,Burgess,Kanesoulis,Theodosopoulos (Goutzioulis 60th)-Raynes(Alagozides 60th),Stubbins. Coach Jim Tansey.*

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1(Markovac 52nd) WOLLONGONG 0
At Olympic Park, Sunday.Crowd 2761.
Referee D.Voutsinas.Cautions Petrov(PM),Morlando(W).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA:*Trailanides - Roodhouse,Jackson, Piculovski,Jolevski - Taseveki,Zinni,Taseski(Petrov 24th),Markovski(Runje 73rd) - Spink,Markovac. Coach Andom Doncevski.*
WOLLONGONG:*Young - Skeen,Kotamanides,Vlietstra, Hollifield - Morlando,Stefanovski(Giraldi 70th), Bonetig,Crainie-Easthorpe,Brodnik.Coach John Fleming.*

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

N.S.L. LADDER

MELBOURNE CROATIA	5	3	0	2	15	9	7
APIA LEICHHARDT	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
MARCONI	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	3	1	1	4	1	7
ST.GEORGE	5	3	1	1	7	5	7
Preston Makedonia	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Sydney Olympic	5	2	1	2	6	3	5
Wollongong	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
South Melbourne	5	2	0	3	6	5	4
George Cross	5	2	0	3	6	7	4
Blacktown City	5	2	0	3	6	14	4
Melbourne JUST	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Adelaide City	5	1	0	4	4	7	2
Heidelberg United	5	1	0	4	3	14	2

N.S.L. GOALSCORERS

8.Kelic(MCr)

4.Brown.R(Ap)
Ollerenshaw(StG)

3.Bingley(StG)
Dimoski (MC)
Kosmina(Ap)
Mori(SM)
Ollerenshaw(StG)
Spink(PM)

2.Awaritefe(MC)
Biskic(MC)
Easthorpe(W)
Latif(GX)
Lewis(GX)
Lowe(Mar)
McKinna(Bl)
Mullen(AC)
Nastevski(Mar)
Slater(SC)
Soper(SO)

1.Arnold(SC)
Bernal(SO)
Brodnik(W)
Calderan(Mar)
Caleta(MC)
Crainie(W)
Crino(MC)
de Jong(Mar)
Denyer(Bl)
Faulkner(GX)
Gray(Mar)
Hagan(Ap)
Hasler(GX)
Ingham(SC)
Ironside(SO)
Koczka(St.G)
Lazopoulos(MJ)
Markovac(PM)
Markovski(PM)
McGarry(SO)
Melta(AC)
Milosevic(MC)
Odzakov(Bl)
Palatsides(MC)
Postecoglou(SM)
Radoslavjevic(Ap)
Raynes(H)
Ricoy(Ap)
Salemides(MCr)
Sterrey.G(Bl)
Stubbins(H)
Theodosopoulos(H)
Trimboli(SM)
Tsolakis(SM)
Van Blerk(Bl)
Vial(AC)
Zinni(PM)

N.S.L. YOUTH LADDER

Preston Mak.	5	4	0	1	17	6	8
Altona Gate	5	4	0	1	5	2	8
George Cross	4	3	1	0	11	5	7
Caulfield City	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
Heidelberg	5	2	1	2	9	10	5
Melb.Croatia	4	2	0	2	4	4	4
Melb.JUST	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Clayton	5	1	1	3	6	17	3
South Melbourne	3	1	0	2	11	7	2
Malvern City	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Clifton Hill	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Waverley United	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION
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Results of games played on Sunday February 12th, 1989 — NYL
ONE
BYE v MELBOURNE CROATIA
ALTONA GATE 1 v MELB. JUST 0
C'FIELD CITY 2 v HEIDEL. UTD ALEX 3
BYE v MALVERN CITY
PRESTON 7 v WAVERLEY UTD 2
SGX 1 v CLIFTON HILL 1
STH. MELB. 8 v CLAYTON 2

NSL
YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES

ROUND 6
Sunday, February 19th

MELBOURNE CROATIE BYE
MELBOURNE JUST BYE
HEIDELBERG UNITED v ALTONA GATE
CLAYTON v CAULFIELD CITY
MALVERN C v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
WAVERLEY UN v SUNSH. GEORGE X
CLIFTON HILL v SOUTH MELBOURNE

Black Day for JUST

BLACKTOWN 3 (McKenna 14th, G. Sterrey 72nd, Odzakov 88th) MELB. JUST 1 (Lazopoulous 50th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *LAURIE McKINNA*

● Laurie McKinna

Blacktown recovered from its severe drubbing the previous week to score a convincing 3-1 victory over Melbourne JUST in the clash at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

After losing 6-0 to Melbourne Croatia the previous week — its third successive loss — the team turned on the fireworks and in a complete reversal registered its biggest score in five matches.

Disheartened JUST coach Ilja Dimoski hinted at dire repercussions for his team.

"I'm very disappointed at the result and would change the whole team if I could," Dimoski said.

"We went into defence instead of attack in the second half which cost us the second goal and our loss of heart resulted in the third goal.

"I warned the players not to take Blacktown easily because of their big defeat last week."

His much happier Blacktown peer, Les Scheinflug, said the result relieved pressure on his team.

"But we still need to work very hard in the task ahead," said Scheinflug.

Blacktown opened the scoring in the 14th minute when striker Laurie McKinna completed a cross from Glenn Sterrey with a diving header.

Melbourne JUST had a chance to level the scores right on half time but wasted precious seconds in determining who would take a kick on the penalty area boundary and the referee blew his whistle for the break.

But JUST managed to grab the equaliser five minutes into the second half through Bill Lazopoulos, who had been on the field only three minutes as a replacement for injured striker Vlade Tortevski.

Fullback Luciano Fabrizio carried the ball down the right line and his centre was neatly tucked away by Lazopoulos.

The combination that opened the scoring for Blacktown reversed the position in the 72nd minute when McKinna headed a deep corner from Zarko Odzakov to Sterrey, who side-footed the ball into the net to give Blacktown the lead.

JUST seemed to lose heart in the concluding stages, allowing Blacktown captain Ralph Meier to run freely down the left side.

His cross was blasted into the net by the running Odzakov.

Blacktown central defender Kurt Reynolds and the attacking play of Maier, Odzakov and Sterrey were the key points in victory for the home team while Oscar Crino and Ernie Tapai dictated tactics for Melbourne JUST.

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Apia strikers inflict drubbing on Bergers

APIA LEICHHARDT 3 (Kosmina 27th, 37th, Brown 30th) HEIDELBERG 0

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *JOHN KOSMINA*

Strikers John Kosmina and Rod Brown combined with deadly accuracy to steer Apia Leichhardt to a decisive 3-0 win over Heidelberg at Lambert Park on Saturday.

● John Kosmina

Kosmina and Brown complemented each other perfectly, scoring the three goals between them before half-time.

The win kept Heidelberg at the bottom of the ladder.

Kosmina, the most prolific goal scorer in the history of the NSL, opened the scoring in the 27th minute with a well-taken goal from Brown's headed pass.

The lanky red-head returned the compliment three minutes later when it was his turn to latch onto a Kosmina header to score Apia's second goal.

Kosmina found the net again in the 37th minute when he pounced on Pedro Ricoy's free kick and beat goalkeeper Yaka Banovic with an angled drive.

Veteran Banovic, in the Heidelberg team for the first time this season, was his side's busiest player and could not be accused of shirking his duty during any of the goal shots.

Heidelberg had to wait until the 32nd minute for its first shot at goal — a 15m shot by Phil Stubbins that glanced off the post.

Apia was also denied by the woodwork before half-time when Kevin Hagan hit the crossbar.

The heat took its toll on both teams in the second half, causing the pace to slacken considerably.

Apia fullback Jim Webber was a constant threat to the Heidelberg defence with penetrating runs down his flank and accurate crosses, and winger Ricoy combined well with target men Kosmina and Brown.

Heidelberg, which has conceded 14 goals in five games, was again shaky i defence and unco-ordinated in midfield and in the pack.

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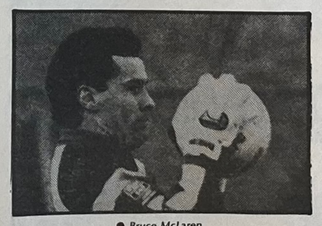
PRESTON MAKES IT THREE IN ROW

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Markovac 52nd) WOLLONGONG 0

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *ROBERT MARKOVAC*

Preston Makedonia chalked up its third successive victory edging out Wollongong 1-0 at Olympic Park on Sunday night.


● Bruce McLaren

Robert Markovac grabbed the winner in the 52nd minute, slotting home a close-range effort.

he got his chance after controlling a half-clearance when the initial shot by Jchn Markovski was blocked by the Wollongong defence.

Preston dominated the first half but hesitation by Markovac and good goalkeeping by Warwick Young kept Wollongong in the game.

Markovac was moved from the wing to central striker in place of the injured Steve Smith for the game.

He robbed Jock Morlando in the 26th minute but then hesitated instead of going alone and wasted the chance.

Young made the good saves off Markovac and another from Warren Spink.

Wollongong hit back after falling behind and a Pat Brodnik shot clipped the post in the 54th minute.

Preston surprisingly replaced Markovski, who had been in sparkling form despite the 35 degree heat.

And the reshuffle almost backfired as Wollongong launched a late fight back.

Only good goalkeeping by Phil Traianedes from shots by Randell Easthorpe and Danny Crainie denied an equaliser.

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● Robert Markovac

STH. MELB. 0 MARCONI 1 (Gray 74th)

'Hungover' South slips to Marconi

Reigning NSL champions Marconi, defeated South Melbourne 1-0 at Middle Park on Sunday night.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *BRUCE McLAREN*

This was South Melbourne's second defeat so far this season on home territory.

This encounter had the potential to be a real cracker, but with the temperature rising near the thirties the players struggled to keep the crowd enthralled.

Both sides, particularly South Melbourne, tried to do too much. The delicate touch needed was missing.

Perhaps South was still recovering from celebrating its midweek Buffalo Cup success.

Marconi performed better and did most of the attacking, although it was South's rare attempts at goal that went closest to scoring.

In the eighth minute South's Paul Trimboli had only Marconi 'keeper Bob Catlin to beat, after Danny Wright laid the ball off. Catlin was quick off his line and blocked Trimboli's effort.

Marconi's first chance to score came in the 32nd minute. Fred De Jong pushed the ball behind the South defence for Gerry Gomez to run on to.

The shot that followed beat South's goalie, Bruce McLaren, but went narrowly wide.

Six minutes later South youngster Damian Mori was presented with the perfect opportunity to open the scoring.

Trimboli turned away from his marker on the right-wing and pushed the ball to Mori, who only had Catlin to beat.

Mori opted to round the 'keeper but took a fraction too long to execute his shot, and paid the price when he was robbed of the ball by recovering Marconi defenders in front of the empty net.

In the 57th minute De Jong was denied by the feet of McLaren. Marconi's David Lowe squared the ball across the box for De Jong to side-foot his effort into McLaren from eight metres out.

In the 73rd minute a Trimboli header was cleared off the line following a Harris Micheil cross.

The header was out of Catlin's reach but Marconi's Paul Carter defended well and cleared the ball away for a corner.

Just when the points looked to be shared, Marconi substitute Ian Gray drove home a blistering shot from the edge of the area into the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Marconi's Peter Katholos passed the ball from the left wing to Marconi's other substitute, Vince Colagiuri. Colaguiri then laid the ball back for gray to hit the winner through a sea of leags and earn the Sydneysiders two valuable points.

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● Georgie's Shaun Parton clears from Adcity's Brian Northcote.

● South's Paul Fernandes wins a heading duel.

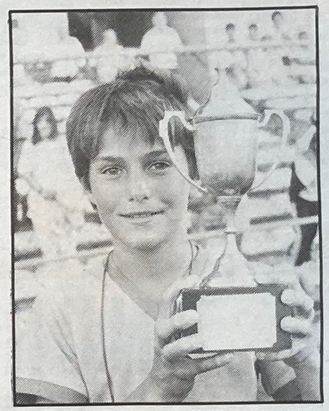
● Gerry Gomez and Damian Mori tangle.

● Above: Mike Petersen — in for the long jump?

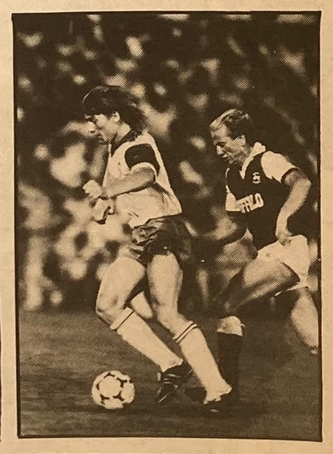
● Bottom left: Paul Trimboli is foiled by Marconi goalkeeper Bob Catlin.

● Bottom right: Gerry Gomez and Damian Mori in hot pursuit of the ball.

It's South Melbourne's Buffalo Cup!



- *Top right: Preston U/12's winners of the Junior Buffalo Cup.*
- *Middle right: Preston U.12 captain Ante Nikolouski with the Cup.*
- *Bottom right: South's Steve Blair about to intercept Joe Palatsides' cross.*
- *Far left: South's happy captain, Bobby Russell, with the Cup.*
- *Centre: The picture tells the story!*
- *Bottom left: JUST's Ernie Tapai is closely marked by South's David Healy.*
- *Left: South's Damian Mori with Ken Murphy in hot pursuit.*



SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Blair 26th, Trimboli 73rd, Micheil 80th) MELBOURNE JUST 0

AT Olympic Park. Crowd 5000. Referee J. Fraser. Cautions: Durakovic, Fabrizio (MJ). Sent off: Barjaktarevic (MJ).

South Melbourne: McLaren — Russell, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou — Healy, Foster (Micheil HT), Petersen, Mori — Trimboli, Wright. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Melbourne JUST:

Nikitovic — Deankovic (inj. Barjaktarevic HT), Durakovic, van Egmond, (inj. Fabrizio HT), Mitrovski — Murphy, Tapai, Tortevski, Crino — Dimoski, Palatsides. Coach Ilija Dimoski.

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SOUTH OUTCLASSES JUST

STH. MELB. 3 (Blair 26th, Trimboli 73rd, Micheil 80th) MELB. JUST 0

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *PAUL TRIMBOLI*

SOUTH Melbourne retained the Buffalo Cup after outclassing Melbourne City JUST 3-0 at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

Thanks to a sterling display by South Melbourne's Paul Trimboli, South equalled Melbourne Croatia's record of seven Buffalo Cups.

In the 26th minute, Souths new-signing Mike Petersen pushed the ball wide for David Healy to cross the ball deep into Melbourne's penalty-area.

The ever-present Steven Blair headed the ball downwards, past the right hand post and beyond JUST keeper Zoran Nikitovic's reach to put South on the road to victory.

Only moments earlier in the game JUST had two golden opportunities to score.

But both chances were squandered in front of an empty net with the culprits being Oscar Crino and Milan Dimovski.

From that moment onwards JUST hardly managed to get a sniff of the ball, as South recovered from the early pressure and proceeded to destroy JUST.

In the first half play was repeatedly held up by referee John Fraser.

Time and time again JUST was penalised for its tackling.

This obviously affected Melbourne's rhythm, allowing South Melbourne to take advantage.

The second-half produced a performance of true cup-tie quality.

In the 60th minute Melbourne's predicament coul dnot have been worse.

Substitute Rade Barjaktarevic was sent off within 15 minutes of being on the field.

South's Harris Micheil dispossessed Mehmet Durakovic and ran 40 metres with the ball.

Micheil rounded Barjaktarevic and would have only Nikitovic to beat if Barjaktarevic had not rugby tackled Micheil. Barjaktarevic was given his marching orders.

With Melbourne reduced to 10 men it was inevitable that South would add to its solitary goal.

Sixty seven minutes into the final, Melbourne escaped from falling further behhind thanks to Durakovic saving a Micheil shot on the goal-line.

Six minutes later Trimboli collected a ball near the halfway line. In a superb solo effort Trimboli left behind three defenders and fended off JUST's Ken Murphy, whose persistence led to a soft left-foot shot which rolled into the back of the net.

Ten minutes from the end, the game was all over. Trimboli again masterminded South's third goal when he received a clearance from Paul Fernandes.

Against the run of play, Trimboli switched the ball to the left wing setting up Micheil.

Micheil hit the ball into the roof of the net giving the keeper no chance.

The trophy was then all South's for the second year in a row.

— COSTA KOUTROPOULOS

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'Keeper denies Olympic again

SYD. CROATIA 0
SYD. OLYMPIC 0

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● TONY FRANKEN

For the third time in five matches, Sydney Olympic could blame an opposing goal-keeper for failure to take out a match.

On Sunday it was Sydney Croatia's Tony Franken who was mainly instrumental in holding Olympic at bay in a scoreless draw at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Last week St George's Mike Gibson had a blinder in his team's 2-0 win, and prevously its nemesis was Tony Pezzano in Apia's 1-0 victory.

Despite not having recovered from a damaged hand Franken was in splendid form throughout.

He regularly denied opportunities to Olympic, and the highlight was his parrying a brilliant Marshall Soper header in the 29th minute.

The Croatian defence was often under extreme pressure, particularly in the second half.

It was left to right-back Wally Savor to block a Robert Ironside header on the line in the 77th minute after winger Mike McGarry had swung across an inviting corner.

Olympic attacked brilliantly along the right in an even first half, and a tactical change made them even more dangerous after the break.

Wingers Alistair Edwards and McGarry stayed wide, making additional room for Soper to operate through the middle.

Ironside Soper and McGarry all benefitted from the ploy, with Ironside crashing a free header into the crossbar in the 48th minute.

From the start Olympic was extremely well served by Tom Pontidas, the little midfield ace, who worked to advantage up the right flank as well as through the middle.

Striker Sean Ingham failed to cap Croatia's best chances, leaving the team with only four goals to show from the first five matches.

"I was happy with the performance but we must have killed a Chinaman to miss all those opportunities," Olympic coach Eddie Thomson said.

"We've reached the stage where we are top entertainment value but somehow we must get the ball in when we dominate a game."

The late stages were played in difficult circumstances when only one of the four banks of floodlights was in working order.

Under the circumstances it was fortunate Melbourne referee Chris Bambridge was prepared to see the game through.

● Tony Franken

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0
ADELAIDE CITY 2
(Mullen 41st, Vial 81st)

ADELAIDE MOVES OFF THE BOTTOM

After failing to gain a point in the first four rounds, Adelaide City's superior mid-field gave it a 2-0 victory against Sunshine-George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● SERGIO MELTA

Joe Mullen Sergio Melta and Aurelio Vidmar controlled the midfield while two of their opponents, Don MacLaren and Les Carter, were rarely sighted and George Cross striker Paul Lewis had a bad day.

Lenny Vial, signed from Sydney club Melite Eagles during the off season, impressed in attack, working three times as hard as his George Cross counterpart Lewis.

Steve Maxwell missed an easy chance for Adelaide City in the 14th minute, latching onto a back pass from defender Aki Kotzamichalis but lobbing the ball over the bar.

George Cross had its only scoring chance of the game when midfielder Jeff Faulkner hit the cross bar in the 14th minute.

Mullen opened the scoring in the 41st minute with a 25m shot that bounced past four George Cross defenders.

● Sergio Melta

In an attempt to strengthen its mid-field, George Cross moved Shaun Parton forward from the defence but the change altered little and Adelaide City maintained its superiority, with Vial scoring the second goal on a through pass from Melta in the 81st minute.

Croatia shows character

ST GEORGE 2
(Ollerenshaw per 10th, Bingley 13th)
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Kelic 16th, 24th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● FRANCIS AWARITEFE

League leader Melbourne Croatia showed a lot of character to come back from a two-goal deficit and take a point from its encounter with St George last Friday night.

St George went ahead after only ten minutes when referee Richard Lorenc, awarded it a penalty after striker Scott Ollerenshaw had collided with Croatia goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

Ollerenshaw himself converted the spot-kick.

Three minutes later the Croatia defence was at fault again when a firmly struck free-kick rebounded from Olver's grasp.

Saints' quick-thinking Matthew Bingley reacted quickly and nipped in just ahead of Alan Davidson to push the ball past Olver for Saints' second goal.

Melbourne Croatia hit back almost immediately, with a brilliant through ball from Branko Milosevic that found Ivan Kelic lurking unmarked in the penalty area.

Kelic made no mistake from close in and Saints suddenly found themselves with a fight on their hands again.

Jeff Olver made amends for his earlier blunder with a lightning-fast finger-tip save from Alan Pottier when the latter seemed certain to score.

Like other teams before them, Saints were finding Francis Awaritefe's speed too much to cope with and

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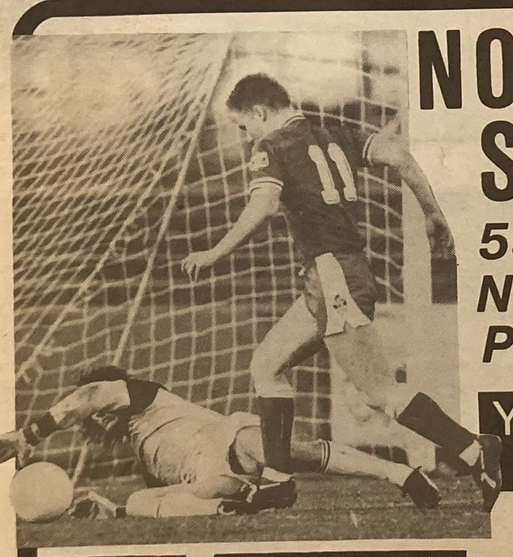

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It has won the Swedish Cup no fewer than 13 times in the 46 year history of that Competition, whilst its nearest rival, AIK Stockholm has had only four successes.

Malmo's is a post-war success story mainly, it having won 12 of its Championships between in the period 1949-88, whilst 12 of its Swedish Cup wins were achieved in that period.

Although Malmo's chief rival, IFK Gothenburg is better known internationally, it should be remembered that Malmo was the first Swedish Club to reach the Final of a major European Competition when it lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest in the Champions Cup-Final of 1979.

Malmo was eliminated from the UEFA Cup by Inter Milan in this season's competition when it went down 1-0 at home after having had the best of the game, and battling to a 1-1 draw in the return leg.

That result looks even better when it is considered that Swedish soccer, like Australia's is still mostly part-time.

That situation will come to an end in the next Northern season, because then Malmo will go professional, with 22 players being offered full-time contracts

That should help to stop the talent drain which Malmo, like Australian Clubs, is prey to.

Manager Roy Hodgson who has guided the club to four championship wins in succession since taking over in 1984 feels that Malmo's future lies in its ambitious "Youth University" which costs it over $150,000 a year to run.

"When we played Ajax Amsterdam in the Cup-Winners Cup of 1987, I was very impressed with its marvellous youth organisation," said Hodgson.

"Now we have our own which enables talented boys to combine soccer with studies for a civil career, so that if they fail at the game they will have something to fall back on."

A portrait of players with the Malmo Club:

Goalkeeper — Jan Moller. Aged 35 — 19 International caps. A local born player who has played well over 500 games for the club. One of the remaining members of the team that lost in that Champions Cup Final to Forest, he has a lot of experience abroad having played with Bristol City in England and with Toronto Blizzard in Canada.

Goalkeeper — Jonny Fedel. Aged 22. A youth product already a Swedish U.21 International, he will probably take over from Moller next season as Moller intends to retire. Born of Italian parents but played all his soccer in Sweden.

Defender — Lars Magnus. Aged 28. 10 International caps. A policeman by profession and another veteran of over 500 games for the Club. Was hailed as a future star when he made his international debut at the age of 18 but a broken leg almost ended his career prematurely. He fought his way back into the National team in 1986 and has a reputation as an attacking full back.

Defender — Torbjorn Persson. Aged 28. 11 International caps. A tall left-back with a cultured left foot, who missed a lot of last season's campaign through injury but is now back to his best.

Defender — Hasse Borg. Aged 35. 54 International caps. An all round defender who is just about to retire after a long and distinguished career. After starting with Orebro, he played for six years with Eintracht Braunschweig before coming back to his native country, where he earned the reputation of being Sweden's best defender .

Stopper — Roger Ljung. Aged 22. 7 International caps. Stopper/left back. Plays at back for his club and played left back for Sweden in the recent 1-1 draw with England at Wembley. An excellent header fo the ball and seems set for a long international career.

Stopper — Per Agren. Aged 26. A product of Malmo's youth scheme and one of the few first team players who has not yet been capped.

Midfielder — Stefan Schwarz. Aged 19. A highly promising youngster who has been filling in at full-back for the injured Persson. Originally from Kulladal, of German parentage. Schwarz played with Bayer Leverkusen for some time. Capped at Under 21 level for Sweden.

Midfield — Jonas Thern. Aged 21. 16 International caps. Talented midfield schemer, discovered playing with Third Division Varnamo in 1985. An excellent passer of the ball with splendid vision, who Hoddle-like, hasn't always hit it off with the two giants of Sweden's midfield, Prytz and Stromberg. Sent off during the Seoul Olympics after a scuffle with a Tunisian player. Spent last Northern winter on loan to FC Zurich. Roy Hodgson describes him as "the best current player in the Swedish League."

Midfielder — Anders Palmer. Aged 28. 10

● Martin Dahlin — Italy's Fiorentina is keen to buy him.

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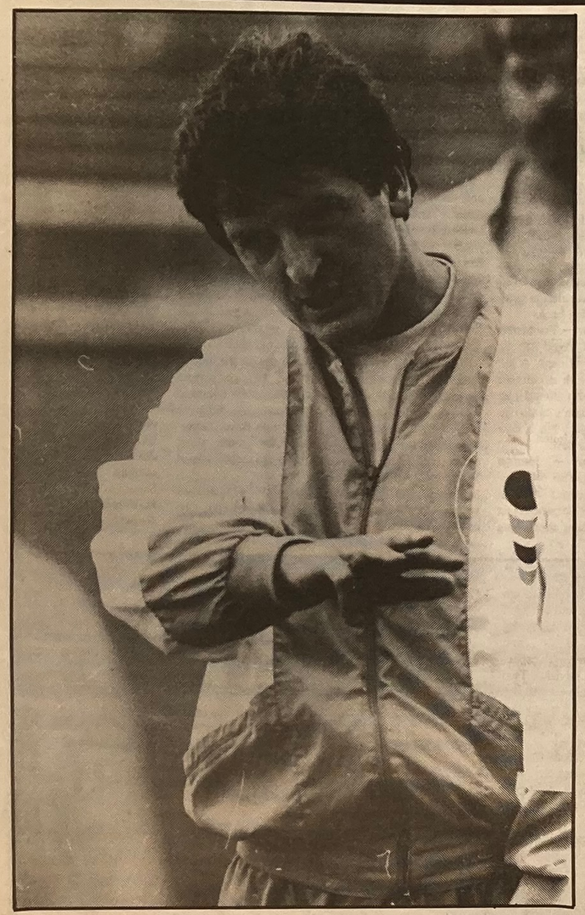

● *Manager Roy Hodgson makes a point at training.*

International caps. a skilful player with a reputation for inconsistency. Came through the junior ranks and has played over 300 first team games for his club. His father Calle starred for Malmo and Sweden in the fifties and is now a famous Swedish sports writer.

Midfielder — Leif Engqvist. Aged 26. 11 International caps. A tenacious mid-field player with a powerful shot. Played in the Seoul Olympics and forms a fine central mid-field duo with Tern.

Midfielder — Joachim Nilsson. Aged 22. 5 International caps. A left sided mid-fielder or winger who has just forced his way into the National team. His forte is strong running and accurate crossing. Discovered in the Swedish Fifth Division playing for Fram Landskrona.

Midfielder — Niklas Larsson. Aged 22. Midfield-attack. Another talented youngster pushing for a first team place.

Forward — Martin Dahlin. Aged 20. 1 International cap. Dahlin was the 1988 season's sensation with seventeen league goals plus four int he 7-3 thrashing of Djarden in the finals play offs. A fast and powerful striker who looks likely to join Italy's Florentina.

Forward — Harkan Lindman. Aged 27. A vastly underrated centre forward whose intelligent target-man game belies the fact that he has never won a full cap for Sweden. An attempt to win a contract with Anderlecht fell through last year. Signed from Karlstads BK in 1986. He has now made the striking position his own after the departure of Mats Magnusson to Benfica.

Forward — Lasse Larsson. Aged 26. 9 International caps. He was Sweden's top scorer in 1987 with nineteen league goals but was out through injury for most of 1988. Began with IFK Trelleborg and has a reputation for being a goal poacher. Had an unhappy spell in Italy with Atalanta.

The Manager — Roy Hodgson. Aged 41. Is now one of the most respected coaches in Sweden. After a modest playing career with Crystal Palace Hodgson worked in South Africa before taking up coaching in Sweden, leading Halmstad to League titles in 1976 and 1979. Then followed a short spell in England with Bristol City, as an assistant to previous Malmo boss Bob Houghton, before returning to Sweden to lead Orebro to the Second Division title in 1984. Since taking over at Malmo he has won four consecutive championships including two play off wins in 1986 and 1988, not to mention achieving the League and Cup double in 1986.

Provisional League Division 3

ROUND 1
Saturday April 1st
Monbulk v Ringwood Rov
Kew Eagles v Carrum Un
Meadow P v Lyndale Un
Batman Un v Altona Un
Brandon P v Fitzroy C
North Clayton v Wantirna
Mitchem Un v Riversdale

ROUND 2
Saturday April 8th
Wantirna v Mitcham Un
Fitzroy C v North Clayton
Altona Un v Brandon Park
Lyndale Un v Batman Un
Carrum Un v Meadow Park
Riversdale v Monbulk
Ringwood R v Kew Eagles

ROUND 3
Saturday April 15th
Kew Eagles v Monbulk
Meadow P v Ringw Rovers
Batman Un v Carrum Un
Brandon P v Lyndale Un
North Clayton v Altona Un
Mitcham Un v Fitzroy C
Wantirna v Riversdale

ROUND 4
Saturday April 22nd
Fitzroy C v Wantirna
Altona Un v Mitcham Un
Lyndale Un v North Clayton
Carrum Un v Brandon P
Riversdale v Kew Eagles
Ringw Rovers v Batman Un
Monbulk v Meadow Park

ROUND 5
Saturday April 29th
Meadow Park v Kew Eagles
Batman Un v Monbulk
Brandon P v Ringw Rovers
North Clayton v Carrum Un
Mitcham Un v Lyndale Un
Wantirna v Altona Un
Fitzroy City v Riversdale

ROUND 6
Saturday 6th May
Altona Un v Fitzroy City
Lyndale United v Wantirna
Carrum Un v Mitcham Un
Riversdale v Meadow P
Ringwood Rovers v Nth Clay
Monbulk v Brandon P
Kew Eagles v Batman Un

ROUND 7
Saturday May 13th
Batman Un v Meadow P
Brandon P v Kew Eagles
Nth Clayton v Moubulk
Mitcham Un v Ringw R
Wantirna v Carrum Un
Fitzroy City v Lyndale Un
Altona Un v Riversdale

ROUND 8
Saturday May 20th
Lyndale Un v Altona Un
Carrum Un v Fitzroy C
Riversdale v Batman Un
Ringwood R v Wantirna
Monbulk v Mitcham Un
Kew Eagles v Nth Clayton
Meadow P v Brandon P

ROUND 9
Saturday May 27th
Brandon Park v Batman Un
North Clayton v Meadow P
Mitcham Un v Kew Eagles
Wantirna v Monbulk
Fitzroy City v Ringw R
Altona Un v Carrum Un
Lyndale Un v Riversdale

ROUND 10
Saturday June 3rd
Carrum Un v Lyndale Un
Riversdale v Brandon P
Ringwood R v Altona Un
Monbulk v Fitzroy C
Kew Eagles v Wantirna
Meadow P v Mitcham Un
Batman Un v North Clayton

ROUND 11
Saturday June 10th (Queens Birthday)
Nth Clayton v Brandon Park
Mitcham Un v Batman Un
Wantirna v Meadow P
Fitzroy City v Kew Eagles
Lyndale Un v Ringwood R
Altona Un v Monbulk
Carrum Un v Riversdale

ROUND 12
Saturday June 17th
Riversdale v Nth Clayton
Ringw Rovers v Carrum Un
Monbulk v Lyndale Un
Kew Eagles v Altona Un
Meadow P v Fitzroy City
Batman United v Wantirna
Brandon P v Mitcham Un

ROUND 13
Saturday June 24th
Mitcham Un v North Clayton
Wantirna v Brandon Park
Fitzroy City v Batman Un
Altona Un v Meadow Park
Lyndale Un v Kew Eagles
Carrum Un v Monbulk
Riversdale v Ringwood R

ROUND 14
Saturday July 1st
Ringwood R v Monbulk
Carrum Un v Kew Eagles
Lyndale Un v Meadow Park
Altona Un v Batman Un
Fitzroy City v Brandon Park
Wantirna v Nth Clayton
Riversdale v Mitcham Un

ROUND 15
Saturday July 18th
Mitcham Un v Wantirna
Nth Clayton v Fitzroy City
Brandon Park v Altona Un
Batman Un v Lyndale Un
Meadow P v Carrum Un
Monbulk v Riversdale
Kew Eagles v Ringwood R

ROUND 16
Saturday July 15th
Monbulk v Kew Eagles
Ringwood R v Meadow Park
Carrum Un v Batman Un
Lyndale Un v Brandon P
Altona Un v Nth Clayton
Fitzroy City v Mitcham Un
Riversdale v Wantirna

ROUND 17
Saturday July 22nd
Wantirna v Fitzroy C
Mitcham Un v Altona Un
Nth Clayton v Lyndale Un
Brandon P v Carrum Un
Kew Eagles v Riversdale
Batman Un v Ringw Rovers
Meadow Park v Monbulk

ROUND 18
Saturday July 29th
Kew Eagles v Meadow Park
Monbulk v Batman Un
Ringw Rovers v Brandon P
Carrum Un v Nth Clayton
Lyndale Un v Mitcham Un
Altona Un v Wantirna
Riversdale v Fitzroy C

ROUND 19
Saturday August 5th
Fitzroy C v Altona Un
Wantirna v Lyndale Un
Mitcham Un v Carrum Un
Meadow P v Riversdale
Nth Clayton v Ringw Rovers
Brandon P v Monbulk
Batman Un v Kew Eagles

ROUND 20
Saturday August 12th
Meadow P v Batman Un
Kew Eagles v Brandon P
Monbulk v Nth Clayton
Ringw Rovers v Mitcham Un
Carrum Un v Wantirna
Lyndale Un v Fitzroy City
Riversdale v Altona Un

ROUND 21
Saturday August 19th
Altona Un v Lyndal eUn
Fitzroy C v Carrum Un
Batman Un v Riversdale
Wantirna v Ringwood-R
Mitcham Un v Monbulk
North Clayton v Kew Eagles
Brandon P v Meadow P

ROUND 22
Saturday August 26th
Batman Un v Brandon P
Meadow P v Nth Clayton
Kew Eagles v Mitcham Un
Monbulk v Wantirna
Ringw R v Fitzroy C
Carrum Un v Altona Un
Riversdale v Lyndale Un

ROUND 23
Saturday September 2nd
Lyndale Un v Carrum Un
Brandon P v Riversdale
Altona Un v Ringwood R
Fitzroy City v Monbulk
Wantirna v Kew Eagles
Mitcham Un v Meadow P
Nth Clayton v Batman Un

ROUND 24
Saturday September 9
Brandon P v Nth Clayton
Batman Un v Mitcham Un
Meadow P v Wantirna
Kew Eagles v Fitzroy C
Ringwood R v Lyndale Un
Monbulk v Altona Un
Riversdale v Carrum Un

ROUND 25
Saturday September 16th
Nth Clayton v Riversdale
Carrum Un v Ringwood R
Lyndal eUn v Monbulk
Altona Un v Kew Eagles
Fitzroy City v Meadow Park
Wantirna v Batman Un
Mitcham Un v Brandon P

ROUND 26
Saturday September 23rd
Nth Clayton v Mitcham Un
Brandon P v Wantirna
Batman Un v Fitzroy C
Meadow Park v Altona Un
Kew Eagles v Lyndale Un
Monbulk v Carrum Un
Ringwood R v Riversdale

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THE SIWKA YEARS

IN last week's issue we took the story of the Industrial League from its earliest years up to the end of 1979.

At the annual meeting that year, Henry Siwka, sometime Polonia, Cartro and RACV star, radio and television commentator and oilfields engineer, becam epresident of the league.

His election ushered in a period of exciting change.

Membership expanded to 78 teams, Division 1 one clubs fielded Reserves teams for the first time, and the phone-in results service was introduced, allowing clubs to phone on Sunday nights for the results of all matches that day.

The service still operates and is immensely popular.

On a darker note, George Schwedt, one of the founding-fathers of the league, died.

He had worked tirelessly in the early days to make sure that the "baby" survived and throve.

Split Auto Repairs won the League and Cup double, completing a truly amazing run to the top, as they had won their respective division championship in successive years from Division Four through to Division One.

Division One Reserves champion was Colyer Watson Rovers; while the first Reserves Cup was won by Hedges Drafting dynamo. Frank Kovacek, of Ansett, was the Player of the Year.

Division Two Champion was Hedges Drafting Dynamo; Division Three East, Fibremakers Utd; Division Three West, Doxa United; Division Four East, Scoresby United; Four West, Leeco Holdings, and Four North, Highpoint.

Membership climbed to 84 teams in 1981, with the introduction of Division Two Reserves.

Ansett displaced Split Auto Repairs as League Champions-League Cup winners, but the panel benders did take out the division One Reserves championship.

Middle Park Reserves also had a good year , taking out the Division One Reserves championship and the Reserves Cup. J.M. Welding, led by human dynamo, Miguel Pena, took out the championship of Division Two. Other winers were: Three East, Scoresby Utd; Three West, St Albans Wanderers; Four East, Rowville Utd; Four North, Rowville Utd "B"; and 3 West, AEP Melbourne. Pocket atom bomb, Jimmy Daperis, was Player of the Year.

Computerisation came to the league in 1982, along with the entry of 88 teams.

Division Two Reserves teams were introduced.

Altona Rovers took out the league championship, while TAA (now Australian Airlines) won the League Cup. Player of the Year was Miguel Pena, of J.M. Welding Supplies.

Middle Park won the Division Two Division Two Reserves double; Rowville United, Division Three East; AEP Melbourne, Three West; Esselte Meto, Four East; Sperry Vickers, Four North; and Footscray United Four West.

The Reserves Cup went to Doxa United, the first in a run of five straight wins.

Split Auto Repairs returned to its winning ways in 1983 in earning the league championship. The League Cup went to AEP Melbourne, the Reserves Cup to Doxa United.

Clifton Hill YCW made its mark by winning the Division One reserves championship, while other winners were AEP Melbourne (2); Leeco Holdings (2 Reserves); Whittlesea (3 East); St Albans Wanderers (3 West), Intercity (4 East); Dallas United (4 North); and, Altona North (4 West).

Membership fell to 78 teams in 1984, with quite a few clubs moving into VSF ranks.

Leeco Holdings had an outstanding year, winning the league championship — league Cup double and the Division 1 Reserves Championship, while their Vladimir (Wally) Bilic was Player of the Year.

If we'd run a raffle, Leeco would probably have won that too! Meanwhile Doxa (by now styled Glenroy Doxa United) had won its third straight Reserves Cup. Swinburn won the first of its four sportsmanship Awards and Apollo United triumphed in Division 2 Reserves.

Other champions were Altona Ilinden (Division 2); Ferris United (3 East); St Albans Wanderers (3 West); Don Bosco Chadstone (4 East); and West Footscray United (4 West).

In 1985 Ron Wallace (no relation to George!) became secretary.

Membership increased marginally to 82 teams. Leeco Holdings were again League Champions but were edged out of the League Cup and Division One Reserves titles by Meko Holdings and Altona Rovers respectively. The Division Two championship was won by Altona North Tarxien and Division Two Reserves by Intercity.

Division Three Central was introduced this year with its own Reserves section Essendon Tramway won the Firsts competition and Taxation United the Reserves championship.

Dallas United won in Three East, St Albans Wanderers in Three West and Keilor Old Boys in Division Four.

Adrian Harvey of Riversdale was Player of the Year and Swinburne won its second Sportsmanship Trophy.

Alarm and Despondency greeted the start of 1986.

Only 66 teams entered. But this did ot deter Meko Holdings which took out the League Championship and also its second successive League Cup.

Glenroy Doxa Utd won the Division One Reserves Championship (and, of course, the Reserves Cup — making it five in a row).

Wally Bilic gained his second Player of the Year Award and Oakleigh City won the Sportsmanship Award.

Amicron was the Division Two Champion, Dallas United (Three East), St Albans Wanderers (Three West) and Kings Park Heights romped away in Division Four.

1987 was again Meko Holdings' year. League champions, league Cup winners and Tom Tasevski player of the year.

The win in the league Cup was a record — three in a row. The league went back to Ballarat for the country championships and convincingly won its second title — ending the Latrobe Valley's seven-year monopoly.

Glenroy Doxa did not win the Reserves Cup, Altona Ilinden did! Highpoint had a good year, winning the Division 2 and Division 2 Reserves Championships and making the Reserves Cup final.

Northern Cross St Helena were the Division Three East champions. St Albans Dynamo won in Division Three West and the rollicking Rumanians — Dandy Dynamo — edged out Windsor for Division 4 honours.

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THE HORSEFALL HAPPENING

The events of 1988 have been well documented and will be familiar to all our readers.

Barry Horsfall, late of Grimbsy Town, George Cross, Standard AST, McColl and Scoresby, became president.

Middle Park won the League championship — Division One Reserves Championship double, Windsor the Division Two championship — in Two championship — League Cup double.

Arguably the best ever country championship series was held in Shepparton with Bendigo becoming the third league to have its name engraved on the trophy.

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Although the IASLV was relegated to runners-up, none of us begrudged Bendigo its success.

Other highlights were the negotiation of a five-figure sponsorship from Mansfield Bunney and Associates, the resurrection of the league presentation night after a seven-year gap and the introduction of the Top Four competition.

Membership was up from 70 teams to 86.

And so to '89. The future has never looked rosier and an outstanding season lies ahead of us. Many new clubs will take their place in the league's ranks.

As in the past, some of them will go on to great heights, some will fold, some will remain in happy mediocrity, simply enjoying the game for what it is.

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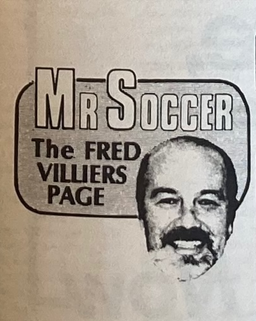

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alism, the very same channel insults us with an amateurish offering that is an embarrassment to watch.

Why can't these people learn their job?

Is it disinterest or ignorance?

Why doesn't Bill Pritchard, ABC's Head of Sport make them sit down in front of the English programme and make them learn their all about their new role?

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CROATIA'S CUP OF BITTERNESS
South Melbourne won not one, but two Cups last week.

South had protested against Melbourne Croatia over the result of the Dockerty Cup-final, claiming that Croatia had used a player who was still under suspension, and this week the protest was upheld.

The Tribunal found that Croatia player Paul Babic, who was sent off on August 17 last year and received a three-match suspension had not served his suspension when he played in the Final.

The Cup, along with the winners' prize-money of $8000, therefore reverts to South, whilst Croatia will receive the runners-up share of $6000.

Melbourne Croatia has also been fined $500.

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EUROPE'S GAIN IS AUSTRALIA'S LOSS
On page 2 cartoonist David Chapman gives us his own wry comment on the talent-drain now bedevilling Socceroo coach Frank Arok as he struggles to form a squad for the Malmo matches and the World Cup qualifiers later.

His biggest and most recent loss is of course captain Charlie Yankos, now playing with PAOK in Greece.

Charlie won't get too lonely in Greece either, if he ever wants a chat about the old NSL days he has Chris Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou, Terry Patalis and John Anastasiadis to call on in Greece, whilst only a telephone call away are Eddie Krncevic and Frank Farina in Belgium and David Michell in England.

In fact, Arok might give some thought to playing all Australia's home games in Greece, picking up Krncevic, Mtchell, Farina and even Tony Dorigo (Mitchell's teammate at Chelsea) on the way.

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PLAY THAT ONE AGAIN SAM
Sunshine George Cross officials are hot under the collar at the thought of being deprived next year of the $60,000 sponsorship they won for the club this year after steering the Health Foundation in the direction of soccer.

It appears that NSL Chairman Sam Papasavas has now suggested to the Health Foundation that the $60,000 annual club sponsorship go to the other NSL clubs in turn, instead of staying with Georgie for the whole five years.

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OFFSIDE CLUB LUNCH A MUST
If you want to hear the intriguing story of how an Englishman conquered Sweden and took his club to four successive First Division championships, don't miss the Offside Club lunch at 12.30 pm tomorrow.

The guest speaker will be Roy Hodgson, manager of Swedish champion Malmo F.F, who will play the Socceroos tomorrow night at Olympic Park.

Tickets for the lunch, at $25 each, can be obtained by ringing Anna on 429 6288, but hurry, they are going fast.

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in the 24th minute he rounded first Alex Lampropoulos and then Andy Koczka with consummate ease before crossing low to Kelic who was too quick for Saints goalie Mike Gibson.

Both teams had a chance to win the game after the interval.

St George could claim it was unlucky when Andy Koczka's powerful shot beat Olver, only to rebound from the crossbar, whilst at the other end Milosevic's close-range shot following a perfect cross from the irrepressible Awaritefe hit Gibson and went over the bar.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ARSENAL maintained its three-point lead at the top of the English League on Saturday with a 2-1 win at Millwall.

But Gunners manager Mr George Graham was not happy in victory.

The one-time Millwall boss was convinced his side should not have had to rely on late goals from Brian Marwood and Alan Smith to stay in front of Norwich, which beat Derby 1-0.

"Paul Merson scored a perfectly good goal with a great lob in the first half, but the whistle had gone for offside, wrongly in my opinion, because the Millwall right-back had played Merson on side," Graham said.

"Then in the second half Smith jabbed the ball two feet over the line, only for the ref to give Millwall a free kick."

Millwall manager John Docherty criticised his side for letting slip the 14th minute lead that Jimmy Carter had given it.

Derby's Arthur Cox was moaning after his side's first away league defeat for five months.

Officials were also the butt of his fury, following Robert Fleck's 52nd-minute winner.

"Norwich players were two-and-a-half yards offside before the ball was played in," he said.

Coventry slipped two places to fifth after slumping 2-1 at home to relegation candidate Newcastle.

But Manchester United made no mistake against another struggling side, winning 2-0 at Sheffield Wednesday to claim third spot.

Two goals from Scotland striker Brian McClair stitched up its sixth successive win.

Problems of Wednesday manager Mr Peter Eustace increased when striker Imre Varadi announced he would be submitting a transfer request today, after being substituted for the third time in four matches.

"The manager has his favourites and it's obvious I'm not one of them," said the much-travelled 29-year-old, who has only been at Hillsborough since October.

Nottingham Forest leapfrogged Coventry after having its 10-game winning sequence halted by a goalless, home draw against Queen's Park Rangers, which was without nine first-team regulars.

Nevertheless Forest manager Mr Brian Clough, fined £5000 and banned from the dug-out by the Football Association this week following his attack on pitch invaders last month, received a standing ovation.

They were rewarded with a 1-0 home victory over Aston Villa.

The two other First Division games both ended in 1-1 draws, Southampton being held by Everton — with Eire midfielder Kevin Sheedy cancelling out a first-half header from Saints defender Kevin Moore — and Tottenham, by Charlton.

Second Division leader Chelsea stretched its unbeaten league run to 15 games with a 3-2 home win over Swindon, but needed the help of two own goals.

Of the other promotion hopefuls, Manchester City had the best result, thrashing Ipswich 4-0 at Maine Road, with Wayne Biggins scoring twice.

At the other end of the table, bottom club Walsall, beaten 7-0 at home by Chelsea last week, triumphed 3-0 at Sunderland, which suffered its first home league defeat of the season through a Stuart Rimmer hat-trick.

It also ended Walsall's run of 15 consecutive defeats.

In Division Three there is no stopping run-away leaders Wolverhampton or Steve Bull.

The hot-shot striker bagged his fifth hat-trick of the season and took his goal tally to an amazing 34 as Fulham was swamped 5-2.

In Division Four Wrexham wasted a great chance to close the gap on leader Crewe by only drawing 1-1 at home to Doncaster.

Scunthorpe replaced Wrexham in second spot by virtue of a 2-0 success against Exeter.

UK RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Coventry 1 Newcastle 2, Millwall, 1 Arsenal 2, Norwich 1 Derby 0, Nottingham Forest 0 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Sheffield Wednesday 0 Manchester United 2, Southampton 1 Everton 1, Tottenham 1 Charlton 1, Wimbledon 1 Aston Villa 0. Postponed: Liverpool v Luton, West Ham v Middlesbrough

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Arsenal	23	15	5	3	50	24	50
Norwich	24	13	8	3	36	25	47
Man Unit	24	10	9	5	34	19	39
Notts Forest	24	9	11	4	34	26	38
Coventry	24	10	7	7	33	25	37
Liverpool	23	9	9	5	30	20	36
Millwall	23	10	6	7	35	30	36
Derby	23	10	5	8	26	18	35
Everton	23	8	8	7	28	25	32
Wimbledon	23	9	5	9	30	32	32
Middlesbrough	23	8	6	9	30	35	30
Aston Villa	24	7	9	8	33	37	29
Tottenham	24	6	9	9	34	36	27
Southampton	24	6	9	9	35	46	27
Luton	23	6	8	9	26	29	26
QPR	24	6	7	11	24	35	25
Charlton	24	5	9	10	26	35	24
Sheff Wed	23	5	8	10	21	33	23
Newcastle	24	5	8	11	31	43	23
West Ham	23	4	5	14	20	41	17

DIVISION TWO

Birmingham 0 Bournemouth 1, Bradford 1 Plymouth 1, Brighton 1 Leicester 1, Chelsea 3 Swindon 2, Crystal Palace 2 Blackburn 2, Hull 3 Shrewsbury 0, Manchester City 4 Ipswich 0, Oxford 1 Portsmouth 0, Stoke 0 Oldham 0, Sunderland 0 Walsall 3, Watford 1 Leeds 1, West Bromwich 1 Barnsley 1

Chelsea	28	15	9	4	59	29	54
Man City	28	15	8	5	43	24	53
Watford	28	14	8	6	43	28	50
Blackburn	28	14	6	8	46	40	48
West Brom	28	13	7	8	46	32	46
Bournemouth	28	13	4	11	31	32	43
Crys Pal	27	11	9	7	43	34	42
Barnsley	28	11	9	8	39	37	42
Leeds	28	11	8	9	34	32	41
Stoke	28	11	8	9	34	44	41
Sunderland	28	10	10	8	36	32	40
Ipswich	28	12	4	12	42	39	40
Portsmouth	28	10	8	10	39	35	38
Hull	28	10	8	10	39	39	38
Swindon	28	10	4	14	36	46	34
Plymouth	28	9	7	12	36	40	34
Leicester	28	9	10	9	34	38	37
Oxford	28	9	6	13	42	46	33
Bradford	28	7	11	10	28	34	32
Brighton	28	8	8	12	32	44	32
Oldham	28	6	10	12	42	46	28
Shrewsbury	28	6	11	11	23	34	29
Birmingham	28	4	7	17	19	51	19
Walsall	28	3	6	17	24	51	17

DIVISION THREE

Bolton 1 Swansea 0, Brentford 0 Chester 1, Bristol City 1 Gillingham 0, Cardiff 0 Sheffield United 0, Chesterfield 3 Notts County 0, Huddersfield 0 Port Vale 0, Mansfield 4 Southend 0, Northampton 4 Blackpool 2, Preston 1 Bristol Rovers 1, Reading 1 Bury 1, Wigan 2 Aldershot 1, Wolverhampton 5 Fulham 2

Bristol City	27	14	7	6	48	27	49
Brentford	28	14	6	8	48	36	48
Bury	25	14	4	7	56	31	46
Sheff Unt	27	12	8	7	37	28	44
Bristol Rovers	27	12	7	8	36	32	43
Swansea	27	12	6	9	37	28	42
Chester	28	11	8	9	42	36	41
Preston	27	10	9	8	33	30	39
Huddersfield	27	12	3	12	35	43	39
Fulham	28	10	9	9	33	46	39
Bristol City	27	10	7	10	28	30	37
Brentford	28	9	9	10	34	31	36
Mansfield	27	9	11	8	34	31	38
Cardiff	25	9	8	8	29	31	35
Blackpool	27	9	10	8	35	34	37
Reading	26	9	7	10	37	40	34
Bolton	28	9	7	12	35	38	34
Notts County	27	7	10	10	30	35	31
Wigan	28	7	9	12	32	38	30
Northampton	28	9	2	17	40	50	29
Southend	28	7	8	13	32	51	29
Chesterfield	27	7	4	16	25	55	25
Aldershot	27	5	6	16	28	49	23
Gillingham	28	6	3	19	24	46	21

DIVISION FOUR

Cambridge 6 Hartlepool 0, Darlington 1 Leyton Orient 3, Hereford 3 Lincoln 2, Rochdale 0 Grimsby 2, Rotherham 2 Carlisle 1, Scunthorpe 2 Exeter 0, Torquay 0 Scarborough 1, Wrexham 1 Doncaster 1, York 5 Peterborough 1

Crewe	27	14	9	4	38	26	51
Scunthorpe	28	13	9	6	49	41	48
Rotherham	27	13	8	6	45	24	47
Wrexham	26	12	10	4	50	35	46
Scarborough	27	12	9	6	40	31	45
Tranmere	27	11	11	5	34	26	44
Exeter	27	11	9	7	33	27	42
Burnley	27	11	7	9	33	28	40
Cambridge	27	11	6	10	46	43	39
Lincoln	28	11	6	11	46	43	39
Torquay	27	10	9	8	35	33	39
Ley Ort	26	10	9	7	46	30	37
Doncaster	28	10	7	11	35	27	37
York	27	10	7	10	40	42	36
Stockport	28	8	11	9	35	37	35
Halifax	27	10	5	12	34	47	35
Hartlepool	26	9	6	11	25	39	33
Grimsby	26	8	9	10	33	39	32
Carlisle	28	8	8	12	35	39	32
Rochdale	28	8	8	12	35	49	32
Hereford	27	8	7	12	38	44	31
Peterborough	28	7	7	14	33	49	28
Darlington	27	2	13	12	30	48	19
Colchester	26	3	8	15	23	53	17

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic 1 Motherwell 2, Dundee United 1 Rangers 1, Hearts 3 Dundee 1. Postponed: Hamilton v Aberdeen, St Mirren v Hibernian

Rangers	26	17	4	5	42	20	38
Dundee Unit	26	13	10	3	44	19	36
Celtic	26	15	2	9	54	37	32
Aberdeen	25	10	12	3	37	23	32
Hibernian	25	10	7	8	26	22	27
St Mirren	25	9	6	10	27	34	24
Hearts	26	6	10	10	27	29	22
Dundee	26	5	9	12	23	33	19
Motherwell	25	5	8	13	24	35	18
Hamilton	25	3	7	15	13	58	8

DIVISION ONE

Airdrieonians 2 Forfar 1, Dunfermline 1 St Johnstone 0, Meadowbank 1 Raith 2. Postponed: Clydebank v Queen of the South, Kilmarnock v Clyde, Morton v Falkirk, Partick v Ayr

Dunfermline	27	17	5	5	50	27	39
Airdrie	27	14	8	5	50	27	36
Falkirk	26	15	6	5	45	26	34
Clydebank	26	12	9	5	38	27	33
St Johnstone	25	12	7	6	38	27	31
Morton	27	12	4	9	33	32	28
Forfar	27	9	7	11	37	38	25
Raith	27	9	7	11	31	38	25
Meadowbank	27	8	7	11	29	41	23
Ayr	27	8	7	11	29	51	23
Kilmarnock	25	8	6	11	28	39	20
Clyde	26	6	8	12	28	39	20
Partick	26	7	5	14	27	45	19
Queen 'O South	26	2	5	19	27	58	10

DIVISION TWO

Albion 3 Alloa 2, Brechin 2 Queen's Park 0, East Fife 1 Stranraer 2, Stirling 1 Arbroath 1. Postponed: Dumbarton v Berwick, East Stirling v Cowdenbeath, Stenhousemuir v Montrose

Albion Rovers	26	16	4	6	50	29	36
Brechin	26	11	10	5	44	33	32
Queen's Park	26	11	9	6	43	32	31
Stranraer	26	11	7	8	43	37	29
Stir Albion	26	9	10	7	35	28	28
Cowdenbeath	25	9	10	6	34	37	28
Arbroath	26	9	10	7	37	33	28
Alloa	26	9	10	8	39	38	26
East Fife	26	7	11	8	38	38	25
East Stirling	25	8	6	9	39	42	24
Montrose	25	8	6	11	34	41	22
Stenhousemuir	25	6	7	12	29	38	19
Dumbarton	24	5	7	12	24	35	17
Berwick	25	4	6	15	28	49	14

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE CUP
First round, second leg

Ballyclare Comrades 3 Portadown 2 (Aggregate 4-4. Portadown win on away goals rule), Ballymena 0 Bangor 2 (Bangor win 3-2 on aggregate), Coleraine 1 Ards 1 (Aggregate 3-3. Coleraine win on away goals rule), Distillery 2 Glenavon 0 (Glenavon win 3-2 on aggregate), Larne 1 Carrick 2 (Larne win 4-3 on aggregate), Omagh Town 3 Linfield 6 (Linfield win 9-1 on aggregate). Postponed: Crusaders v Glentoran, Newry v Cliftonville.

Last-gasp equaliser enlivens title race

AN injury-time own-goal by England defender Gary Stevens presented Dundee United with a home point against Glasgow Rangers on Saturday and kept the Scottish League title race alive.

A long ball from substitute John Clark caused panic in the leader's defence and appeared to strike the full-back on its way into the net.

Until that last-gasp equaliser, Rangers had looked all set to open up a four-point advantage at the top of the table thanks to a 38th-minute goal from Stuart Munro, who rifled home a Ray Wilkins pass.

There was even more drama at Celtic, where the champion crashed 2-1 to relegation-threatened Motherwell.

The decider also came in the final minute, with Bobby Russell clinching the points, after Andy Walker had snuffed out John Gahagan's eighth-minute opener.

Meanwhile, Heart of Midlothian hit back to beat Dundee 3-1, having gone behind to an Alan Lawrence goal in the fifth minute.

John Colquhoun equalised after 31 minutes and Eamonn Bannon lifted Hearts into the lead 10 minutes later, before Gary Mackay secured the two points with a 20-yarder in the 58th minute.

Rain washed out the Hamilton-Aberdeen and St Mirren-Hibernian matches.

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● John Kanesoulis

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● Zarko Odzakov

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